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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have no information as to whether any Member of Parliament is on the Board. I know that no Member of the Legislative Assembly is on the Board. As for the question why no Member of the Legislative Assembly or Parliament has been included in the Board, I should say that it is for the Government of India to answer."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how the mere information as to the recommendations of the Government regarding the names of persons to be included in the Board will create a big public commotion? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, it is not merely to avoid commotion that certain correspondence is withheld from disclosure."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to disclose the names of the members of the Board who are functioning now? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Director of Industries, Madras, Sri Abdulla Koya, Sri V. K. Kumaran, Sri C. M. John and Sri Karunakara Menon are the representatives from Madras."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, as a matter of fact, these names were published in the Press and there was also some discussion on the subject. May I know the principle involved in recommending persons to serve on the Board? I do not know why the Government should be so touchy even to disclose the principle involved in this matter."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Government of India do not necessarily and invariably accept all the names suggested by the Madras State Government and in fact they have not accepted all the names suggested by the Madras Government."

*Increase of bed-strength in Government hospitals.*

* 1908 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government hospitals in the State in which beds were increased in the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the cost on account of such increase; and

(*c*) the number of Government hospitals where beds are to be increased with suitable medical equipments in the year 1955–56 and their estimates?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Fourteen, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 2,22,000 per annum recurring and Rs. 1,68,400 non-recurring.

" (*c*) Fourteen hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,44,600 per annum recurring and Rs. 1,12,100 non-recurring."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, may I know the names of the fourteen hospitals and the number of beds increased in those hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" During 1954–55, the bed-strength of the following Government Hospitals has been increased :—

Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore—from 140 to 160.

Government Hospital, Kallakurichi—from 20 to 28.

Government Hospital, Gudiyatham—from 22 to 40.

Government Hospital, Tiruppattur—from 40 to 70.

Government Headquarters Hospital, Coimbatore—from 366 to 500.

Government Hospital, Udamalpet—from 22 to 34.

Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode—from 271 to 324.

Government Headquarters Hospital, Salem—from 295 to 325.

Government Hospital, Mayuram—from 45 to 49.

Government Hospital, Karur—from 40 to 52.

Government General Hospital, Madras—from 887 to 1,125.

Government R.S.R.M. Lying-in Hospital, Madras—from 100 to 162.

Government Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram—from 380 to 425.

Government Hospital, Tiruturaipundi—from 12 to 24."

*Swami Naicken Cheri, Purasawalkam.*

* 1909 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijans are residing at Swami Naicken Cheri, Purasawalkam, Madras ;

(*b*) for how many years they have been occupying the Government land;

(*c*) whether the land is proposed to be assigned to them; and

(*d*) if so, when and on what terms?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Thirty-one families excluding 22 families of Harijan converts.

" (*b*) More than fifty years.

" (*c*) The land had already been assigned to them.

" (*d*) The assignment is subject to the conditions specified in Forms D and E in Appendix XXII to Chapter I of the Board's Standing Orders."